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MFA Spokesman Mikhail Kamynin on May 22 characterized Iraqi government formation as an "important event" and pledged "close cooperation" and "necessary assistance" to the new government in the interest of stabilizing the country. Kamynin expressed hope that PM al-Maliki would follow a path of national consensus and dialogue among all political and ethno-confessional groups, including those "who so far are not involved in the process of state-building." Kamynin reiterated GOR support for a national reconciliation conference in Baghdad under the aegis of the Arab League. The full text of Kamynin's press release in English is available on the MFA website at .
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